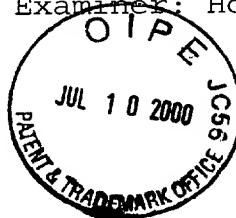


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In re Reissue Application of:)
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Tony PERVAN) Group Art Unit: 3635
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U.S. Patent No. 5,706,621)
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Application No. 09/343,696) Examiner: Horton-Richardson
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Filed: May 17, 1995)
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For: SYSTEM FOR JOINING)
BUILDING BOARDS)



SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.175

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Tony Pervan, hereby declare as follows:

(1) I am a citizen of Sweden, having a residential address of Skeppargatan 41, S-114 52 Stockholm, Sweden.

(2) I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the invention described and claimed in the United States Patent No. 5,706,621, and in the specification and the claims of the Reissue Application filed herewith.

(3) I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification and the claims of the Reissue Application.

(4) I hereby claim the benefit of foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 with respect to Swedish Patent Application No. 9301595-6, filed on May 10, 1993, and the benefit of PCT International Application No. PCT/SE94/00386, filed on 29 April 1994, under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

(5) I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that I am aware of which is material to the examination of this Reissue Application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

(6) I believe the original patent to be partly inoperative or invalid by reason of the patentee claiming less than the patentee had the right to claim in the patent. Specifically, Applicant failed to include the subject matter of claims 24-40 which are included in this reissue application. In one specific example, Applicant failed to include an independent claim, such as claim 31, wherein the locking groove and the locking element are defined as being dimensioned such that when adjacent panels are joined together and the locking element is received within the locking groove, there is sufficient space within the locking groove to allow mutual displacement of the adjacent panels in a direction of the first and second edges and to enable the locking element to leave the locking groove if the respective building panel is turned about its first edge angularly away from the locking strip. In addition, claims 3 and 6 have been amended to eliminate reference numerals.

(7) All errors which are being corrected in this reissue application up to the time of filing of the declaration arose without any deceptive intent on the part of the Applicant.

(8) The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge and are true; and further

Figure 1 consists of 12 histograms arranged in a 6x2 grid. Each histogram shows the distribution of the number of non-zero elements in the vector x for a specific value of n , ranging from 1 to 12. The x-axis for all histograms is labeled 'x' and ranges from 0 to 12. The y-axis is labeled 'count'. The distributions are centered around 0, with the peak count increasing as n increases. The histograms are labeled with n values: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 in the first column and 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 in the second column.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 14 June 2000

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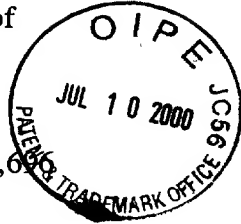
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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Official Action, submitted herewith is an executed Supplemental Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175. The supplemental declaration complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.175 and should thus overcome the only outstanding rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (248) ☐ \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.

☒ Also enclosed is Supplemental Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175

☐ _____ statement(s) claiming small entity status
☐ are also enclosed ☐ were submitted previously.

☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$345.00 (279) ☐ \$690.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted __, on __, for which continued examination is requested.

☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.

☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
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☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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